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Newsletter #28:

What's New at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

It was a busy but exciting week in Denver, Colorado at the World's Fair of Money presented by the American Numismatic Association. I officially set up for the first time with my own corner booth. It was nice to see some long time customers but also equally to meet new ones. Some of you are receiving my newsletter for the first time. I was very honored to receive an award from the Numismatic Bibliomania Society for "Best Article by a First-Time Author" in the Asylum journal, a quarterly publication and sister to the weekly newsletter, the eAsylum. Next summer's ANA is going to be in Philadelphia and I already have put in my application. I'm looking forward to doing the show again.

Upcoming Trade Shows

There are a few trade shows that might be interesting for some of you.

Long Beach Show (Sept. 7-9, 2017)

This show primarily attracts buyers of U.S. coins, however there are a small group of ancient dealers that attend. From speaking with a few fellow dealers I understand that there are some great opportunities to find coins there but admittedly the show is not as popular as it once was. I'm not sure as a collector if it is worth the trip out there but if you are local or only a few hours away it might make sense to go out. Below is a link for the show:

<http://www.longbeachexpo.com/showtime>

Ancient collectors and dealers will certainly be attending the Goldberg Pre-Long Beach Auction on September 3-6, 2017. I previewed the auction for ancients and it was largely Judaeon coinage. I'm considering to fly out for the auction and show but this is not finalized. I'll make my decision based on customer interest in the auction so if you are interested do let me know. Keep in mind I will be available for bidding online if I don't attend the auction in person.

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attracts dealers from England and the European continent. While there are plenty of exciting coins to be found it is always a bit difficult for Americans to purchase because the strength of the pound (yes, a lot weaker than it used to be, but nonetheless strong).

Along with the coin show, Baldwin's of St. James's will hold two auctions (Auction 8 on Sept. 20 and Auction 9 on Sept. 21) just outside the bourse floor and Roma Numismatics will hold their Auction XIV on September 21 at the Cavendish Hotel. For those that want to stick around even longer, Lockdale Coins Ltd. will hold auctions the 23rd and 24th of September and Spink & Son Ltd. on September 25-26.

I am attending Coinex as well as the Baldwin's of St. James and Roma auctions.

Künker Auction, Osnabrück, Germany (Sept. 25-29, 2017)

I'm happy to be attending the Künker auction this Fall in Osnabrück. The 5-day event will encompass ancients and world coinage. I plan to view and attend the ancients portion to be held on September 25. If you would like representation please do let me know.

Upcoming E-Auctions

CNG closes their eauction 403 on Wednesday, August 9. There are 801 lots of ancient and world coins. Please let me know if you need my help on this auction.

Agora closes auction 38 on Tuesday, August 15. This auction has 388 lots of various coinage, as well as antiquities.

Both auctions can viewed on Sixbid or Numisbids

New Book and Exhibition at the Israel Museum

I had the pleasure to receive an email from my friend Dr. Haim Gitler, a curator at the Israel Museum. Dr. Gitler is one of the curators of a wonderful new exhibition at the Israel Museum which feature Roman gold coins from the Victor Adda Collection. There is also a lovely book that accompanies the exhibition that was published through the generous help of the auction company NAC (Arturo and Giuliano Russo).

Below is a small introduction that Haim sent to me to describe the exhibition.

Faces of Power Roman Gold Coins from the Victor Adda Collection
Curators: Dr. Haim Gitler and Yaniv Schauer

Introduction to the Exhibition:

Facial features have been regarded as a reflection of character and ability since ancient times. In the days of the Roman Empire, emperors used their own images to deliver messages to the citizens of Rome. Since most of the population had no direct contact with the emperor, his portrait on coins was a means of identifying him and establishing a relationship with the people. The gold coins exhibited in Faces of Power shed light on the world of the emperors of Rome and their families. The earliest was struck in 45 BCE by Julius Caesar; the latest is from 326 CE and bears the likeness of Constantine the Great. Whether they depict the emperors as mature and experienced or as young and innovative, as philosophers, soldiers, or lords and masters, the portraits, together with the coins' slogans touting victory, peace, or security, were meant to immortalize Rome and its rulers. When we look upon the faces of the past it's like

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contest: first of all there is the vanity of the emperor, how he thought he would like to be seen. Then there is the job of the die engraver who complicates that vanity and last but not least, how you, the public, responds to it – each one differently – and it is this three-way game which gives the portraits their complexity their richness and their intrigue. Examining these portraits and getting to know the stories of these emperors they represent is to understand not only how portraits were created but how Rome was created. Looking at these portraits you will find yourself scanning the world for connections and making snap judgments: friend or foe, cruel or kind. As we gaze upon them here today, we are living proof of their success.

The exhibition is a tribute to the great collector Victor Adda, born in Alexandria, Egypt, in 1885. The coins on display are a gift to the Israel Museum by his daughter, Giovanna Adda Coen.

If you would like more information on the exhibition or the accompanying book please contact Haim at gitler@imj.org.il

Here is a picture from the opening night of the exhibition showing one of the curators, as well as a picture of the front cover of the accompanying publication.



From left to right: Prof. François de Callatay and his wife Hannah, Stav Gitler, Ronit Gitler, Dr. Haim Gitler and his parents Bely and Carlos Gitler

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FACES OF POWER

Roman Gold Coins from the Victor A. Adda Collection



The Israel Museum, Jerusalem

Numismatica Ars Classica NAC AG, Zurich-London

Coin of the Week <http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

PAMPHYLIA, Side. c. 430-400 BC. AR Stater, 10.63g (22mm, 9h). Pomegranate / Head of Athena right wearing crested Corinthian helmet, olive sprig before, all within incuse square

Price: \$5,000

The Greek city state of Side was located in southern Asia Minor. The town no longer exists under that name but is closest to the town of Manavgat in modern day Turkey. In ancient times Side, being on the coast, was an especially prosperous city. Its name, Side, translates literally into pomegranate and therefore it is often reflected on their coinage. The patron deity was Athena, as so many other Greek city states had adopted.

Greek settlers from Cyme founded and populated Side starting around 700 BC. Alexander the Great occupied the city from 333 BC and upon his death it came under the leadership of Ptolemy I Soter. The Ptolemies controlled the area until the Seleucids captured Side and

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Today Side is notable for the its ruins which remain in remarkably good condition.

References: Atlan 42; SNG France 628-629; SNG v. Aulock 4765; SNG Cop 369

*Grade: Nicely struck with good metal. Slight flatness on upper left of obverse. Detail is sharp.
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If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

If you are interested in any other coins I have available please visit my website
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Until next week!

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